

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI  
ADDING CHAPTER 9.08 TO THE LODI MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE  
PROTECTION OF PUBLIC TREES, SHRUBS AND PLANTS

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI AS  
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9.08 – is hereby added to the Lodi Municipal Code relating to  
Abuse and Mutilation of City Trees, Shrubs and Plants – to read as follows:

**9.08.055** Protection of City Trees, Shrubs and Plants:

- A. The term “city tree, shrub or other plant” refers to those trees, shrubs and other plants which are located upon city property or within the public right of way.
- B. No person shall damage, cut, carve, transplant, remove or otherwise injure or deface any city tree, shrub or other plant.
- C. No person shall attach any rope, wire, chain, screw, nail, bicycle lock, advertising poster, or other contrivance to any city tree, ~~shrub~~ or other plant.
- D. No person shall allow any gaseous, liquid or solid substance which is harmful to any city tree, shrub ~~or~~ other plant to come in contact with said city tree, shrub or other plant or the soil adjacent thereto.

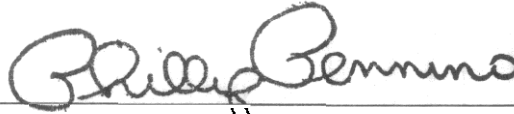
SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as such conflict may exist.

SECTION 3. ~~No Mandatory Duty of Care.~~ This ordinance is not intended to and shall **not** be construed or given effect in a manner which imposes upon the City, ~~or~~ any officer or employee thereof, a mandatory duty of care towards persons or property within the City or outside of the City so as to provide a basis of civil liability for damages, except as otherwise imposed by law.

SECTION 4. ~~Severability.~~ If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance irrespective ~~of~~ the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be published one time in the “Lodi News Sentinel”, a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Lodi and shall be in force and take effect immediately after its passage and approval.

Approved this 15th day of October, 1997



PHILLIP A. PENNINO  
Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

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State of California  
County of San Joaquin, ss.

I, Alice Reimche, City Clerk of the City of Lodi, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1652 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held October 1, 1997, and was thereafter passed, adopted and ordered to print at a regular meeting of said Council held October 15, 1997 by the following vote:

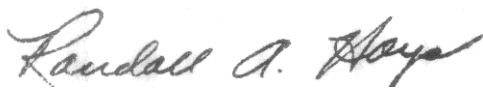
Ayes:	Council Members -	Land, Mann, Sieglock, Warner and Pennino (Mayor)
Noes;	Council Members -	None
Absent:	Council Members -	None
Abstain:	Council Members -	None

I further certify that Ordinance No. 1652 was approved and signed by the Mayor on the date of its passage and the same has been published pursuant to law.



ALICE M. REIMCHE  
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



RANDALL A. HAYS  
City Attorney